



White Bear Township Report

Water Meter Installation Underway

White Bear Township has begun installing residential water meters to measure water consumption in more than 4,000 homes.

Installation of the water meters will allow residents to pay for the water they consume.

Metering all customers will provide the Township with the tools to apportion water charges fairly, measure water losses, and evaluate and determine water leaks. It will also encourage residents to conserve water.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Metropolitan Council encourage communities to conserve water. The Township, too, realizes that water is a resource too valuable to waste.

The Township has contracted with SL-serco to complete the installation of water meters. SL-serco has

worked for a number of other area cities doing the same work.

All installers have completed a police background check, have photo identification badges, company uniforms and drive clearly-marked vehicles.

Installation costs will be paid from the Town's current Water Fund. The installation, which began in July, is expected to take several months to complete.

A SL-serco representative will schedule an individual appointment with you for the work. The work consists of installing the meter on your incoming water service, which is usually in the basement.

If your home was built after 1976, the Township furnished a "spacer" which was installed by the original plumber. This spacer is the same size as the water meter and its presence will make the installation go quicker. Total installation time will take about

an hour.

An outside meter reading device, about the size of a deck of cards, will also be installed on the exterior of your home to allow reading the meter without entering the house. All work will be supervised by a licensed plumber.

Customers are requested to make sure the area around where the water meter will be installed is accessible to the installer. Home plumbing is presumed to be operational; any repairs needed to install the water meter will be at the homeowner's expense.

More information about the Meter Installation Program can be found at www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.

To schedule an appointment for a meter installation, please call SL-serco at (612) 782•9717 or email us at appointment@sl-ser.com.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT DRAWS HUNDREDS



White Bear Township residents joined their neighbors at 25 block parties on Tues., Aug. 5, in celebration of National Night Out.

(Photos by Karen Davis, top left) Laura and Gail Klein out a hazmat suit at their block party on W. Bald Eagle Blvd. (top right) Fisher and Tanner Hoy after enjoying some cake.



(Photos by Catherine Carey, bottom left) Jerre and Greg LeTourneau and Jan Timmers celebrate togetherness on National Night Out. (Bottom right) Ron Hawkins, Mike Sacho, Audrey Strane, Jan Timmers and Greg LeTourneau share a laugh with friends at their annual block party on Hugo Rd.



Township Days Celebration September 27

Fun, food and festivities planned

White Bear Township is celebrating its 150th anniversary with a fun-filled birthday bash on Sat., Sept. 27, at Polar Lakes Park. The park is located on Hammond Rd. west of the Township's Administrative Offices.

The first annual Township Days will kick off with a 9 a.m. Family Fitness Walk followed by free children's games such as a bean bag toss, golf shot, fishing pond and polar bear cookie walk sponsored by the Northeast Family YMCA and White Bear Lake Area Community Services and Recreation.

The family-friendly celebration will include non-stop entertainment; a classic car and truck show; educational and historical exhibits; arts and crafts by local talent; farmers' market with organic products and produce; the "Beary Talented" talent show; music; and fireworks.

Headlining the live entertainment will be hometown hero, Billy McLaughlin, and his band.

For 20 years McLaughlin astounded audiences around the world with his complex and rhythmic music. Then, in 2001, he was diagnosed with a neuromuscular disorder that left him unable to play the guitar.

Doctors told him that his career was over, but five years later the talented and stubborn musician began to do the unthinkable – relearning his songs left-handed. He is now astounding audiences again with his music and his story.

While McLaughlin typically performs at Minneapolis theaters such as the Guthrie and the Orpheum, he is thrilled to be closer to home celebrating the 150th birthday of White Bear Township. His free performance will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

Earlier entertainment will include:

- The Hip-Hop Dancers from 4th Street Dance from 11 to 11:30 a.m.;

- The Beary Talented talent show from 1 to 3 p.m. Three prizes in three age categories will be awarded to the contest winners along with a \$100 cash prize for first-place winners. Complete details and application forms for the talent show can be found on the Township's web site, www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us; and

- The Oarsmen, a local rock n' roll band, who will get the crowd dancing from 4 to 5 p.m.

A wide variety of food and beverages will also be on hand to please any crowd. Offerings will include Italian



Billy McLaughlin

sausage, corn-on-the-cob, gourmet hamburgers, pizza by the slice, oven baked sandwiches, ice cream and mini-donuts. Locally-owned shops such as "Truly" and "Jenny's Avon Beauty Store" will also be on site.

Classic cars will add to the day's excitement. Drivers over 30 are invited to take a classic car "out for a spin" beginning at 4 p.m.

The Township Days celebration will end with a spectacular fireworks display following McLaughlin's performance. For more information, visit the Township's web site or call (651) 747-2750.

Other Township News

- **Community Media Open House.** Everyone is invited to attend an open house to celebrate community media. The open house will be from 2 to 8 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 9, at 2460 E. Co. Rd. F (the corner of Co. Rd. F & Bellaire Ave). Families will enjoy free food and drinks, games and prizes in addition to a chance to appear on live television. Other activities will include touring a T.V. studio, edit suites, TV19 production truck and master control room; sampling state-of-the-art production gear; learning about the 2009 transition to digital television as well as high-speed Internet choices from a Comcast representative; posting information about events on the community bulletin board channel; finding out how to produce a television show of your own or how to appear on cable television shows The Northeast Journal, Local Image, Inside Health Care, Your Business Matters, Lake Area Beat, Your Police Report or North St. Paul Notes (and more). The open house is sponsored by the staff of the Ramsey/Washington Suburban Cable Commission, Suburban Community Channels, Government Television Network and On Location TV.

